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	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) to be assigned 10/580 983

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2004/013090	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 11/18/2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 11/27/2003

TITLE OF INVENTION
Method and Device for Separating Flat Consignments

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☑ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.

2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.

3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.

4. ☐ The US has been elected (Article 31).

5. ☑ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))

    a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).

    b. ☑ has been communicated by the International Bureau.

    c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).

6. ☑ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).

    a. ☑ is attached hereto.

    b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

7. ☑ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))

    a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).

    b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.

    c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.

    d. ☑ have not been made and will not be made.

8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).

9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).

10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☑ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.

13. ☑ A preliminary amendment.

14. ☑ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.

15. ☐ A substitute specification.

16. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.

17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825.

18. ☐ A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

20. ☑ Other items or information: Return Post Card, International Application PCT/EP2004/013090 as published

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2.. The following fees are submitted:

☑ a) Basic national fee..$300.00	$ 300	
☑ b) Examination fee..$200.00	$ 200	
☑ c) Search fee..$500.00	$ 500	
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Total claims	12 - 20 =	0	x $50.00	$ 0	
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MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ $360.00	$	
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by ½.				$	
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TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				$ 1000	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). **$40.00** per property +				$	
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Re:	Utility Patent Application	
Atty. Dock.:	2003P17941WOUS	Serial No.: to be assigned
Filed:	to be assigned	Inventor(s): Oliver Kutzer
For:	*Method and device for separating flat consignments*	
Sir:		

In response to the NATIONAL STAGE FILING OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PCT/EP2004/013090, the following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1.   Transmittal of Utility Patent Application;
2.   Fee Transmital Form;
3.   Translation of Specification and Claims;
4.   Application Data Sheet;
5.   Preliminary Amendment and Abstact (8 pages);
6.   International Application PCT/EP2004/013090 as published;
7.   Information Disclosure Statement; and
8.   Return Post Card.

It is respectfully requested that the attached post card by stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to us via post. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed.

In the event that the transmittal form is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension of time and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petition and/or other fees in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No.: 502464** referencing attorney docket number **2003P17941WOUS**.

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However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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